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# PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

**STRIKE,  
FOOLS! FORGET  
YOU ARE ALLIES  
AND DESTROY  
EACH OTHER--**

**-- THE  
HATE-MONGER  
COMMANDS!**

**KILLING  
ME SOFTLY  
WITH HIS  
HATE!**



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## KILLING ME SOFTLY

WAKE-UP TIME, EVERYBODY... AND THE HATE-MONGERS LEFT US AN EARLY CALL!

FOR BUFORD HOLLIE-- THE CITIZENS' BAND SUPER-HERO WHO CALLS HIMSELF ANGERBACK-- HIS FIRST ANGER MAY BE HIS LAST!

FOR FLAM THOMPSON-- VETERAN OF A THANKLESS WAR AND IN LOVE WITH A VIET-NAMSE MAIDEN--

SWEET LORDY...! THEY'RE FIXIN' TO BLOW US TO KINGDOM COME!

...IT'S HARD TO SWALLOW THAT SHA SHAN HERSELF MAY HAVE HELPED PLAN HIS DEATH!

AND TO PETER PARKER, THE EVER-SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, IT'S JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS!

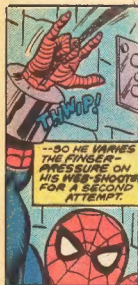
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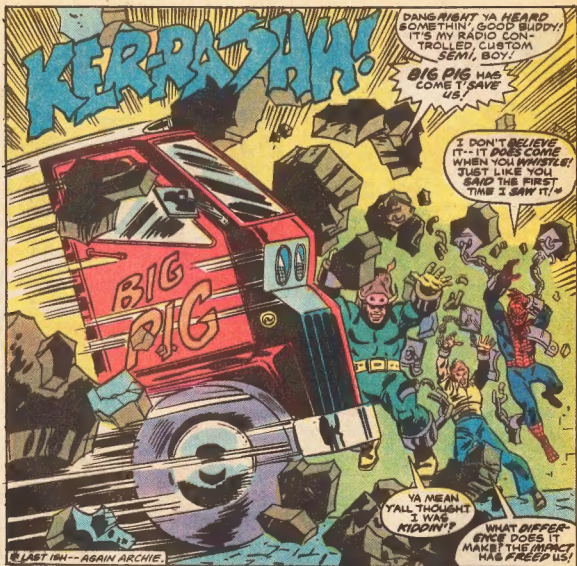
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--AND WHICH, GIVEN A SECOND MORE--

EEEEEE

--WOULD HAVE BECOME THEIR GRAVE!

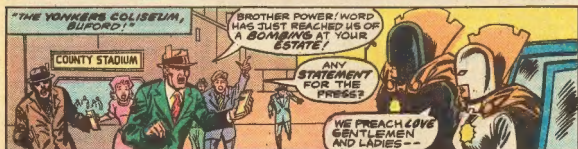


?WHEW! RAZORBACK, THIS BABY DOES MORE TRICKS THAN A CIRCUS ELEPHANT! NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING, MIND YOU!

YEAH! NOW LET'S SURPRISE HATE-MONGER AND COMPANY WITH THE FACT WE'RE ALIVE!

BIG 10-4 TO THAT!

WHERE'D Y'ALL SAY THEM FANATICS WERE HOLDIN' THEIR SHININ' WALL-CRAWLER?

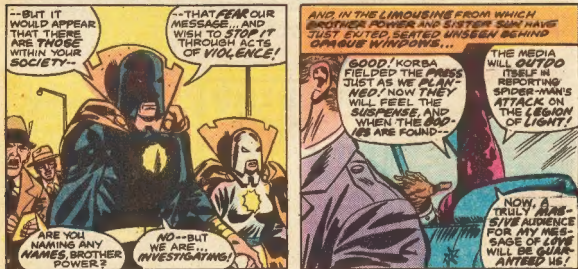


"THE YONKERS COLISEUM, BLUFORD!"

BROTHER POWER! WORD HAS JUST REACHED US OF A BOMBING AT YOUR ESTATE!

ANY STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS?

WE PREACH LOVE GENTLEMEN AND LADIES--



--BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE ARE THOSE WITHIN YOUR SOCIETY--

--THAT FEAR OUR MESSAGE... AND WISH TO STOP IT THROUGH ACTS OF VIOLENCE!

ARE YOU NAMING ANY NAMES, BROTHER POWER?

NO--BUT WE ARE... INVESTIGATING!

AND, IN THE LIMOUSINE FROM WHICH BROTHER POWER AND SISTER SUN HAVE JUST EXITED, SEATED UNSEEN BEHIND OPAQUE WINDOWS...

GOOD! KORBA FIELDPED THE PRESS JUST AS WE PLANNED! NOW THEY WILL FEEL THE SUSPENSE, AND WHEN THE BODIES ARE FOUND--

THE MEDIA WILL OUTDO ITSELF IN REPORTING SPIDER-MAN'S ATTACK ON THE LEGION OF LIGHT!

NOW, A TRULY MASSIVE AUDIENCE FOR MY MESSAGE OF LOVE WILL BE GUARANTEED US!

THE HATE-MONSTER LAUGHS A EERIE SNARLING LAUGH THAT CAUSES EVEN HIS ENTRANCED CHAFFER TO SHIVER-- THEN THE HOODED FIGURE ORDERS THE CAR INTO THE COLISEUM WHERE HE WILL ABUSE HIS... MOMENT!



WHILE...

EVER SINCE THAT DAY IN VIETNAM WHEN I SAW THE MENTOR DESCEND TO EARTH IN THE FIERY HEART OF A METEOR-- I KNEW GADGETNESS WOULD BE MINE!

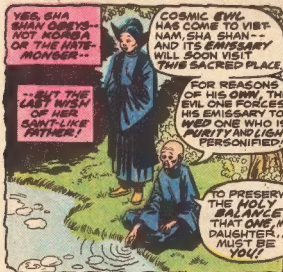
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NO LONGER WOULD I BE ACHMED KORBA-- A MERE SMUGGLER! WITH THE POWER OF THE LIGHT GIVEN ME BY THE HATE-MONSTER -- THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE HEIGHTS I MAY REACH!

EXCEPT THOSE HE SET... BY LINKING MY POWER TO YOU!

I, TOO, WISH IT HAD NOT BEEN, MY HUSBAND, YET, I OBEY!



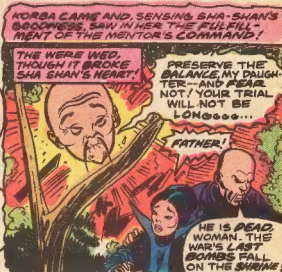
YES, SHA SHAN OBEYS-- NOT KORBA OR THE HATE-MONSTER--

-- BUT THE LAST WISH OF HER SAINT-LIKE FATHER!

COSMIC EVIL HAS COME TO VIETNAM, SHA SHAN-- AND ITS EMISSARY WILL SOON VISIT THIS SACRED PLACE.

FOR REASONS OF HIS OWN, THE EVIL ONE FORCES HIS EMISSARY TO WED ONE WHO IS PURITY AND LIGHT PERSONIFIED!

TO PRESERVE THE HOLY BALANCE, THAT ONE, MY DAUGHTER... MUST BE YOU!



KORBA CAME AND, SENSING SHA SHAN'S GOODNESS, SAW IN HER THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MENTOR'S COMMAND!

THE WERE WED, THOUGH IT BROKE SHA SHAN'S HEART!

PRESERVE THE BALANCE, MY DAUGHTER-- AND FEAR NOT! YOUR TRIAL WILL NOT BE LONG...

FATHER!

HE IS DEAD, WOMAN. THE WAR'S LAST BOMBS FALL ON THE SHRINE!



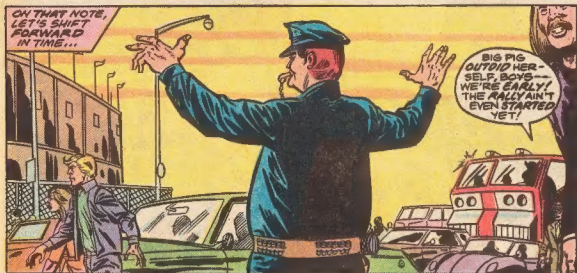
BUT THE PAST RECEDES AS IF BUT A DREAM-- FOR HER WAKING NIGHTMARE IS SO MUCH MORE REAL!

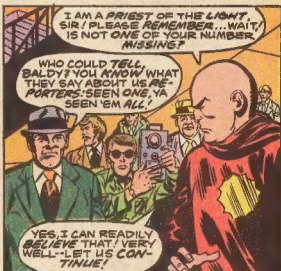
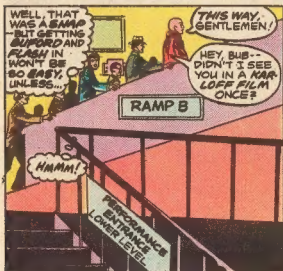
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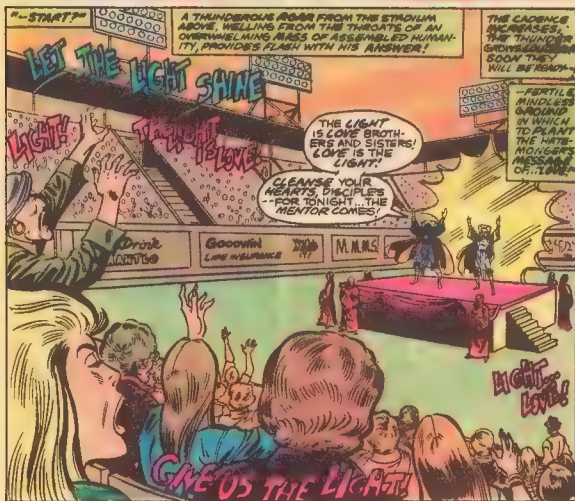
GOOD! HOW DOES IT FEEL, KORBA-- STAND ON THE POINT OF ACHIEVING THE POWER YOU SO CRAVE?

YOU CAN BEST ANSWER THAT, HATE-MONSTER!

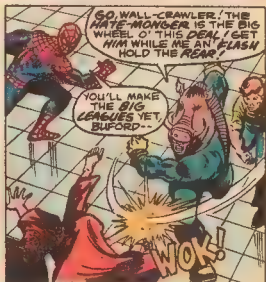
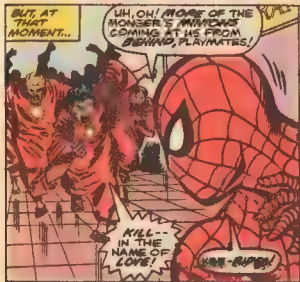
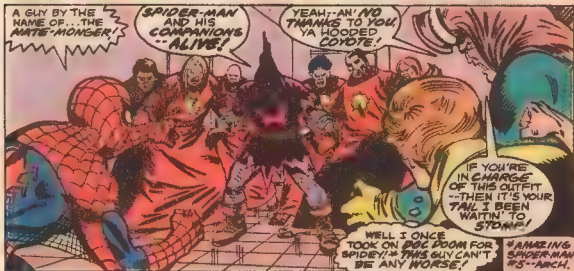
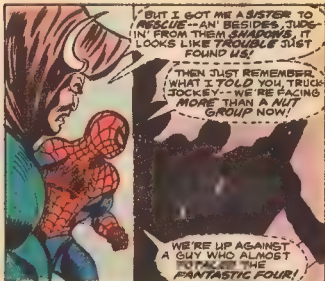
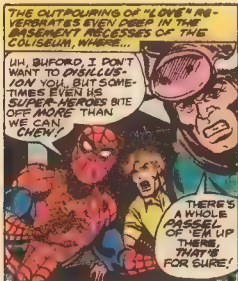














# SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAIL

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**WHO IS CHARLES BERLITZ, AND WHY IS HE SAYING THOSE TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT ME? —or— YOU, TOO, CAN LEARN A LANGUAGE IN THREE EASY ISSUES!**

All of which, of course, refers to the somewhat mountainous quantity of mail your erstwhile armadillos have received *vis-à-vis* our tintinnabulatin' two-parter in PPTSS #9-10, featuring the wondrous White Tiger. To wit...

Dear Marvel,

I enjoyed issues #9 and #10 of PPTSS, but since I enjoy all of your magazines, I expect them to be good.

However, you guys *did* goof! In issue #10—both on page one and page three, panel 5—the White Tiger uses the pronoun *usted*, which is the formal form of the word *you* in Spanish. Then on page ten, panel 8, he uses the pronoun *tu*, which is the informal form of *you* (though, technically, without the accent it means *your*). You may be able to explain that, but the next part is inexcusable. *Tu* and *es* do not go together! It is either *tu eres* or *usted es*. Your combination is not on the list.

Greg Smart

804 NW 38th Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605

Dear Parker People,

Sol The high-on-his-white-horse-and-mighty Peter (Spider-Man) Parker cannot remember what classes he took in high school can he? No wonder he is falling miserably under the ivory towers of Empire State University!

And, oddly enough, none of the readers of SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN have noticed the bizarre blooper which appeared in issue #10 of that far famed magazine.

Towards the beginning of the episode in the aforementioned issue, the magazine's star, one Peter Parker, claimed to have taken three years of high school French. This is not at all incriminating until one researches a little and discovers that in the April, 1975 edition (issue #143) of PPTSS' sister mag, AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, Peter Parker makes reference to the fact that he had taken Spanish in high school, not French! To make matters worse, the recent claim by Mr. Parker was that because he had taken French, he could not understand Spanish. Tsk-tsk!

Unfortunately, no readers of PPTSS—nor of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN nor of MARVEL TEAM-UP—noticed this blatant blunder.

So, see you next week for a look at that budding-but-bloated affair between Stan Lee and an ESU co-ed who just

received her degree in Pyramidal Plumbing. Yes, you guessed it! She is a Pharaoh Faucet Major.

Sorry about that.

Bob Underwood

6241 18th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Dear Bill,

Please

Don't have the White Tiger—or anyone else—deliver lines in Spanish, only to translate them in the same breath. This is redundant and highly ineffective. If you feel a phrase will be unfamiliar to the majority of readers, then just don't use it.

Thanks.

Meredith Robbins

230 Venado Avenue, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Gulp. Irving told us there'd be days like this.

Well, anyway, Bob Underwood was far from the only Spiderophile to point out the somewhat inconsistent educational background of May Parker's favorite nephew. There were many, many fine folks who remembered AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #143.

However, not a one of those sleuthing scribes remembered MARVEL TEAM-UP #10—in which Spidey, while fighting some Spanish-speaking attackers, said:

"So much for three years of college French—!"

What is even more confounding is the fact that both MTU #10 (June, 1973) and AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #143 were written by Merry Gerry Conway!

We can only conclude that Pete has taken both French and Spanish... and barely squeaked through both of them. Obviously, languages are not his strong suit!

As for us, we're still trying to master English!

Sigh! The problems one faces in dealing with the world's most changeable tongue!

Gee, doesn't anyone have a comment about issue #10 that isn't language oriented?

Dear Archie,

The George Perez/Frank Giacoia cover for SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #10 was a real eye-opener. Not only that, but the Buscema/Esposito/Giacoia confab did a regular bang-up job on the inside. Each and every panel was a classic.


All in all, "Tiger in a Web!" was very good. Bill developed an interesting parallel between Spidey and the Tiger. They really are quite a bit alike, what with society always so ready to turn on them. I do hope we'll be seeing some more of the Tiger in the future.

Charles David Haskell

15 West 139th Street, New York, NY 10037

Don't worry, Charlie, you can't keep the Tiger down for long. He'll be back before you know it. Of course, just when and where... well, your guess is as good as ours. Heck, it's probably better! Take next issue for example! Archie hasn't even had time to tell us armadillos what it's about. (But if it features any French or Spanish, we're leavin' town!)

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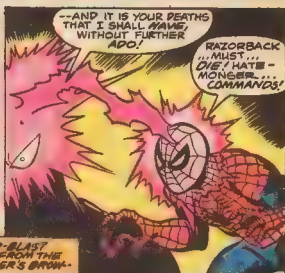
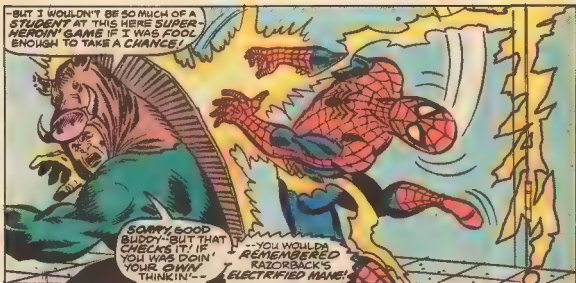
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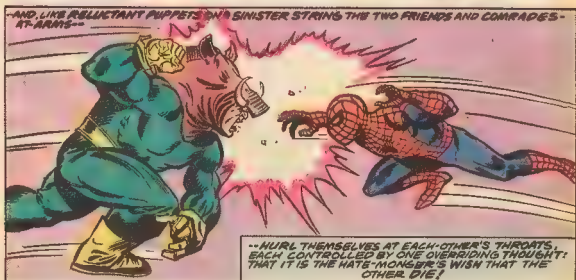
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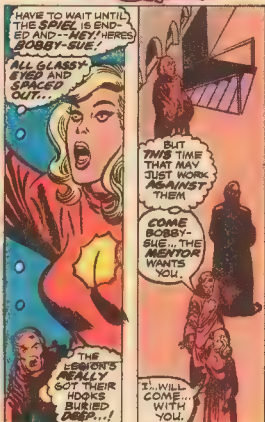
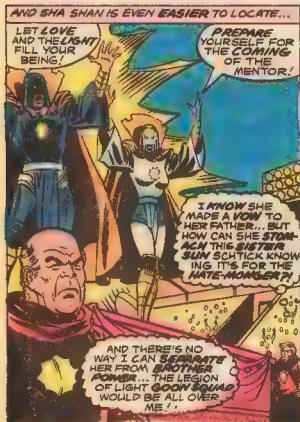
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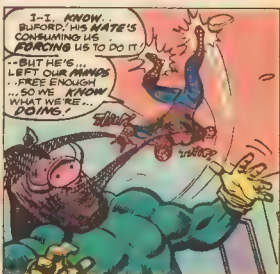
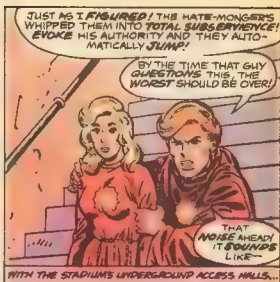
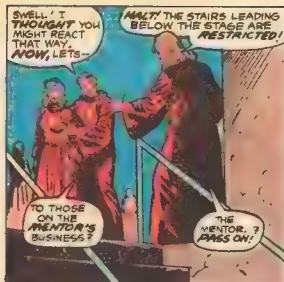
A TWIN MIND-BLAST LASHES OUT FROM THE HATE-MONSTER'S BROW--

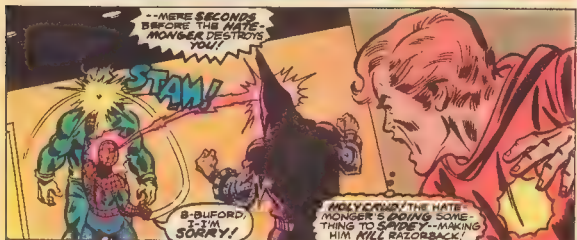
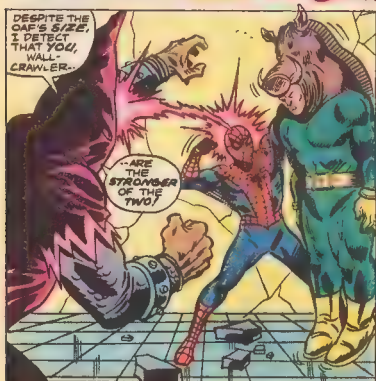
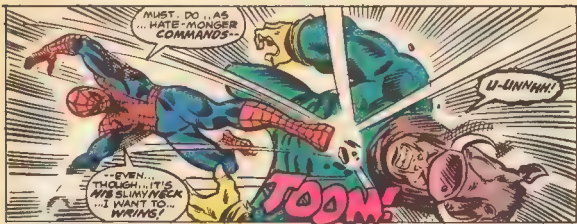


MEANWHILE, UNWARE OF THE TERRIFYING TURN IN EVENTS, FLASH HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE BATTLE'S INITIAL CONFUSION TO PROCEED WITH PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED PLANS...











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## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Remember years ago when we warned you that of Marvel is taking over the world? Of course, most of you was and witty old-timers believed us, except for a few malcontents like Irving Forbush! Anyway, here's a little extra proof to show what we mean. You've all heard of Pocket Books, the most famous publisher of pocket-sized books in the world. You've probably got dozens of their titles on your bookshelf right now. Well, guess who's publishing an entire library of SPIDER-MAN and the FANTASTIC FOUR, in full color, so that you can build a permanent, complete collection of our Marvel masterpieces at a rock-bottom price! Next time, you're in a book store, be sure to ask for the great new Pocket Books editions of SPIDER-MAN and FANTASTIC FOUR—just tell 'em our amadillo sent you! But that's only the beginning! The newest in our seemingly endless ORIGINS series is just now going on sale—THE SUPERHERO WOMEN—and, judging by the avalanche of advance orders, it'll be the hottest seller of all! But there's still lots more! We've finally sent one of our greatest secret project books to the printer, and now I can breathlessly reveal that you'll soon be able to buy HOW TO DRAW COMICS, THE MARVEL WAY!—by none other than Big John Buscema, who's as qualified as anyone in the world to write such a book, in collaboration with your obedient servant, who's got a lot of nerve butting into the act! Yep, this book, by Lee and Buscema, is the first one ever to reveal the Marvel secrets of drawing super-heroes! We'll tell you when it'll go on sale as soon as Simon & Schuster tells us—but in the meantime, save your shekels, stalwart one! And we've still just scratched the surface! We've got an exciting new MARVEL SPECIAL EDITION, and—aw, why should I give it all away? I'll save the rest for Archie to tell you about as soon as I sign off. So, till next ish, be good to each other—and keep smiling! Remember, things could always be worse. I could have made this column twice as long!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Usually we're so out of breath from talking at you about all our new and super special projects—say, for instance, our second STARS WARS TREASURY EDITION which is on sale this month and wraps up the ROY THOMAS/HOWIE CHAYKIN adaptation of this summer's number one movie sensation—that it seems we never get around to mentioning much about our regular monthly and bimonthly titles in this space. Naturally, it's hard not to beat the drum for something like our up-and-coming \$1.00, eighty page, giant MAN FROM ATLANTIS book (more details later) or lay sly hints to all you SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN fans about a particularly colorful surprise which may be headed your way along about Christmas time, but for this edition of the Bullpen Bulletin, your amiable amadillo is resolutely resolved to restrict his ramblings to our rip-roaring regular books (and to declare a moratorium on alliteration for a sentence or three).



ITEM! Though you'll be reading this in the fall, it's still summer as we're hunting and pecking these tidbits, and that means some of our beleaguered Bullpenners have managed to slip away for short vacations, which further means that other, even more beleaguered souls have stepped in to substitute for them on some assignments. Hence, this month and next you get treated to Earnest ERNIE CHAN's pencils and inks on MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE which teams blue-eyed Ben Grimm with none other than SKULL THE SLAYER, and—thanks to ingenious plotting and writing from Marvelous MARV WOLFGAN—wraps up some loose ends left over from when Skull's own book was cancelled. THE DEFENDERS will also have a two issue fill-in art job, and the featured penciler will be Creative CARMINE INFANTINO, whose ability to adapt his unique style to almost any of our crazy characters is making him a mainstay of the line. Those of you who have been demanding that KLAUS JANSON return to inking everybody's favorite non-group will be pleased to note that he does exactly that with these two

issues, and he'll be staying on when Energetic ED HANNIGAN picks up the reins as regular penciler after Carmine's issues. Together with writer DAVE KRAFT, the guys promise some of the most devastating Defenders adventures ever!

ITEM! On the staff front, how about a hearty welcome for Dandy DANNY FINGEROTH, who is taking over as Assistant Editor of our bombastic British books. Danny replaces Bouncing BOB BUDIANSKY who recently so impressed us with his pencilling of a special Falcon filler story that we decided to start throwing freelance art assignments his way. Bob's in the middle of a DAREDEVIL tale even as we write this. Watch for it; we think the boy's a real comer! Two other titanic talents who have served in Marvel's British Legion are penciler DAVE WENZEL andinker DUFFY VOHLAND. They too are making inroads into stateside publication, and a future issue of SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN will feature a Solomon Kane tale by Dave and Duffy that we think will really delight you.

ITEM! With JACK "King" KIRBY hard at work finishing the massive one hundred page SILVER SURFER saga he and STAN THE MAN are creating for book publication by Simon & Schuster (The same good folks who are currently bringing you Stan's latest in the ORIGIN series, THE SUPERHERO WOMEN), our CAPTAIN AMERICA comic has passed over to writer/editor Rescally ROY THOMAS. Art chores this month will be handled by Big JOHN BUSCEMA, and after that by the terrific team of our Pal SAL BUSCEMA and Jolting JOE SINNOTT. And, lest you fear that this shift will leave Mr. Kirby with a few moments breathing space once the Surfer epic is ended, we'll remind you that a couple of sessions back we mentioned that the King was conjuring up some fifty new titles. Though delayed slightly, Jack is just about ready to spring them on you, and we should be able to announce them, with appropriate fanfare, in this column next month. Be hers, hear?

ITEM! Space—or the lack of it—makes this our last segment, and we've still got about a jillion things we wanted to crow about and comment on... like the new X-MEN art team of Jocular JOHN BYRNE and Terrific TERRY AUSTIN (the same lads who, along with scripser CHRIS CLAREMONT, dazzled you with STAR-LORD in our magazine-size showcase, MARVEL PREVIEW)... like Delightful DAVE COCKRUM's up-and-coming issue of JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS (just to show everyone that since leaving the aforementioned X-MEN he isn't sitting on his hands or resting on his laurels)... like welcoming TONY and MARY DeZUNIGA back to the Big Apple after their long-time residence in the faraway Philippines, and wondering how Tony managed to make such a move without missing a deadline or even a deft brushstroke in his dazzling inking... but, unfortunately, we can't go into that—there just isn't any space left. Maybe next time, gang.



# THOR<sup>®</sup> in "THE DING-A-LING FAMILY"

BY SOME MYSTERIOUS QUIRK OF SPACE AND TIME WARR, THE DING-A-LING FAMILY IS THRUST INTO THOR'S ASGARDIAN ORBIT. THE FAMILY LEAVES A TRAIL OF EVIL-DOING ON EARTH. GRANDMA DING-A-LING LEADS THEM IN SWOOPING SILENTLY UP BEHIND THE ASGARDIANS.

LET'S GIT 'EM ALL, KIN. CAPTURE 'EM OR...

...OR OUR NAME'S NOT DING-A-LING!

WE KNOW NOT WHAT PROVOKETH THEE, STRANGE FAMILY... BUT IF THOU DOST COME AMONGST US WITH UNPLEASANTNESS IN THY HEARTS...

WITH UNPLEASANTNESS THOU SHALT BE MET...

...AND THEN SOME.

BY CRACKY, THAT PURTY, YELLA-HAIRED FELLA'S THE LEADER... LET'S HORN-SWOGGLE HIM, AND THE REST'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE...

OK, PA, MA, AUNTIE, SISTER, BROTHER, COUSINS BEE AND BYE, AND GRANDMA-- ALL YOU DING-A-LINGS-- HOLD HIM STILL, SO AN KEN GIT A BEAD ON 'IM WITH MY ATOMIC SHOTGUN.

THY FAMILIAL BONDS ARE IN-DEED STRONG... PITY 'TIS MIS-SPENT ON EVIL... BUT 'TIS NAUGHT BEFORE THE FIERCE POWER OF THE MYSTIC Mallet ANGLAW...

HEE HEE HAW, COUSIN BYE... AH THINK WE GOT 'IM...

SHO NUFF, COUSIN BEE... 'TIS OUR COUSIN-POWER SECRET WEAPON... NOTHING CAN RESIST IT EXCEPT WHEN OUR HAIDS WANDER A BIT... AND WE LOSE THE CONCENTRATION... AND WE GOOF IT UP OURSELVES.

BUT...WHAT'S THIS?...THE COUSINS THEY CALLETH BEE AND BYE RESIS-TETH THE HAMMER...?

...AYE THEN, 'TIS BUT CHILD'S PLAY TO USE THIS PLOY AND DISTRACT THE COUSINS BEE AND BYE... AND BYE AND BYE 'T'WILL BE THEIR UNDOING...

...ER...UH...AH... MAM...HAM... LOOKA THET... COUSIN BYE...

CHERRY... GREAT, LIGHT TENDER CRUST... REAL FRUIT FILLING, COUSIN BYE... I CAN'T RECOLLECT WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BUT IT COULDN'T BE HALF AS INTERESTIN' AS THESE MOUTHWATERIN' MISTESS FRUIT PIES...

YOU FOOLS! WE ALMOST HAD THE YELLA-HAIRED ONE IN OUR POWER! DUMB COUSINS!

FORSOOTH, M'LADY... NOT SO DUMB... THEY KNOWETH OF YON DELICIOUS SNACK...

NOW HOME TO ODIN. BE SURE TO SAVE SOME MISTESS FRUIT PIES FOR THAT GREAT ONE TO ENJOY, TOO!

...ER... COUSIN BEE WHAT WERE WE SAYING...? OH, LOOKA THAT... DELICIOUS MISTESS FRUIT PIES... APPLE... AND...

YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT IN EVERY BITE OF MISTESS FRUIT PIES

FRUIT PIE FRUIT PIE

\*MISTESS IS A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF ITT CONTINENTAL BAKING COMPANY.



THERE IS  
NO WAY YOU COULD  
KNOW OF ME, FOOL!  
I AM BEYOND YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE AND  
UNDERSTANDING! I AM  
YOUR PRIMORDIAL  
FEAR SPRUNG  
VIOLENTLY INTO  
LIFE!

I  
AM  
EVIL!

ON YOUR KNEES, HUMANS  
--WHERE SOON THE REST OF  
YOUR RACE WILL BE--AND  
PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR  
DEATH AT THE RENDING  
CLAWS OF... THE

**MAN-BEAST!**

I-I THINK  
HE MEANS  
TODAY IT'S ME,  
TOMORROW  
...THE  
WORLD!

S-SPIDEY--  
YALL EVER HEARD  
O' THIS HERE  
MAN-BEAST?

UHH-UH, BUFOOD  
--BUT SOMEHOW I  
DON'T THINK THAT'S  
GONNA MATTER!

THE **FINAL RAGE!**